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## PATENT

Attorney Docket No. 101.0101-00000

**Customer No. 22882**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**In re Application of:**

**Gary K. Michelson, M.D.**

**Serial No.: 09/768,991**

**Filed: January 23, 2001**

**For: INTERBODY SPINAL IMPLANT  
WITH TRAILING END ADAPTED TO  
RECEIVE BONE SCREWS  
(as amended)**

**Group Art Unit: 3731**

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents**  
**Washington, D.C. 20231**

Sir:

## AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the paragraph bridging pages 10 and 11 of the specification (with the changes as shown in the attachment) to read as follows:

—Both ends 102 and 104 may include openings such as 116 so as to permit for the growth of bone and vascular access therethrough. Similarly, sides 106, 108 can include openings such as 118 for similar or other purposes. Implant 100 preferably has an open interior 120 between sides 106, 108 to permit for the growth of bone from adjacent vertebral body to adjacent vertebral body therethrough. The implant 100 itself,